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SUBJECT: ETA POL/MIL WING REPORTEDLY CLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY FOR
YBARRA KIDNAPPING; BASQUE PRISONERS KIDNAPPING
APPARENTLY WERE PREMATURE, MADRID'S "INFORMACIONES"
REPORTS TODAY THAT A CALLER IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS A MEM-
BER OF THE POL/MIL WING READ SUCH A COMMUNIQUE TO A SAN
SEBASTIAN RADIO STATION LAST NIGHT (MAY 22). IN ADDITION
TO CLAIMING THE KIDNAPPING, THE CALLER REPORTEDLY ALSO
SAID HIS GROUP WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE UNSUCCESSFUL MAY 19
ATTACK ON TWO POLICEMEN IN PAMPLONA (MADRID 3960) AND FOR
THE MURDER THE SAME DAY OF A POLICEMAN IN SAN SEBASTIAN
(MADRID 3937), AND AFFIRMED THAT THE GROUP WOULD CON-
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INUE ITS "ARMED STRUGGLE" AGAINST THE POLICE AND
"MEMBERS OF THE OLIGARCHY."

2. THE YBARRA FAMILY REPORTEDLY HAS MADE NO COMMENT TO
THE PRESS ABOUT THE CASE, BUT "INFORMACIONES" ALSO
STATES THAT A RELIABLE SOURCE REPORTS THE KIDNAPPERS ARE

IN CONTACT WITH THE FAMILY THROUGH AN INTERMEDEARY AND HAVE DEMANDED A RANSOM OF SOME ONE BILLION PESETAS (ABOUT U.S. \$14 MILLION). THE MADRID PRESS ALSO SPECULATES THAT THE GROUP WHICH CARRIED OUT THE KIDNAPPING, THOUGH CALLING ITSELF THE POL/MIL WING, IS ACTUALLY A "REBEL" SPLINTER OF THAT GROUP.

3. MEANWHILE, THE FIVE BASQUE PRISONERS SENT INTO EXILE OVER THE WEEKEND ARRIVED IN BRUSSELS MAY 22, AND ALL THOSE REMAINING INCARCERATED (BY OUR UNOFFICIAL COUNT, 18) REPORTEDLY HAVE ALREADY FORWARDED TO THE GOVT FORMAL REQUESTS FOR INDIVIDUAL PARDONS OR, FAILING THAT, EXILE (THE NECESSARY FIRST STEP IN PROCESSING THEIR CASES). THE MAJOR BASQUE PARTIES, WHILE CHARACTERIZING THE DECISION TO EXILE THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL PRISONERS AS "LESS THAN THE FULL AMNESTY WE HAD SOUGHT", HAVE PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE GOVT'S MOVE HAS BROKEN THE DAM ON THE AMNESTY ISSUE. BOTH THE BASQUE PARTY, AND THE BASQUE SOCIALIST PARTY (ESB) AFFIRMED OVER THE WEEKEND THEIR INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE IN ELECTIONS, AND RADICAL BASQUE GROUPS WHICH EARLIER LAST WEEK HAD ANNOUNCED THEIR WITHDRAWAL FROM THE CONTEST REPORTEDLY ARE NOW HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS (THE PSOE AND PCE, OF COURSE, HAD MADE IT CLEAR ALL ALONG THAT THEY HAD NO INTENTION OF OPTING OUT). STABLER

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